

# PLURICANONICAL MAPS OF VARIETIES OF ALBANESE FIBER DIMENSION TWO

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we prove that for any smooth projective variety of Albanese fiber dimension two and of general type, the 6-canonical map is birational. And we also show that the 5-canonical map is birational for any such variety with some numerical conditions.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective irregular variety of general type, i.e., variety of general type with  $q(X) > 0$ . We define the Albanese fiber dimension of  $X$  to be  $e = \dim X - \dim a(X)$ , where  $a : X \rightarrow \text{Alb}(X)$  is the Albanese map. Recently, the birationality of the  $n$ -th pluricanonical map  $\varphi_{|nK_X|}$  of  $X$  has attracted a lot of attention.

When  $e = 0$ , i.e.,  $X$  is of maximal Albanese dimension, it was shown by Chen and Hacon [3, 4] that  $\varphi_{|6K_X|}$  is birational. This result was improved by Jiang, Lahoz and Tirabassi [7], showing that  $\varphi_{|3K_X|}$  is birational. When  $e = 1$  or 2, Chen and Hacon [4] proved that  $\varphi_{|(5+e)K_X|}$  is a birational map. Recently, Jiang and the author [8] showed that  $\varphi_{|4K_X|}$  is birational if  $e = 1$ . The main results of this paper are some improvements of the result of Chen and Hacon in the case of Albanese fiber dimension two:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective variety of Albanese fiber dimension two and of general type. Then the 6-canonical map  $\varphi_{|6K_X|}$  is birational.*

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective variety of Albanese fiber dimension two and of general type. If  $\dim V^0(\omega_X) > 0$ , then  $\varphi_{|5K_X|}$  is birational.*

By Theorem 1.1, we can immediately obtain a recent result of Chen, Chen and Jiang:

**Corollary 1.3.** [2, Theorem 1.1] *Let  $V$  be a smooth complex projective irregular 3-fold of general type. Then  $\varphi_{|6K_V|}$  is birational.*

By Theorem 1.2 and Lemma 2.3 in the next section, we easily conclude the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.4.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective variety of Albanese fiber dimension two and of general type. If  $p_g(X) > 0$  and  $q(X) > \dim X - 2$ , then  $\varphi_{|5K_X|}$  is birational.*

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## 2. DEFINITIONS AND LEMMAS

In this section, we recall some notion and useful lemmas.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a coherent sheaf on a smooth projective variety  $Y$ .

- (1) The  $i$ -th cohomological support loci of  $\mathcal{F}$  is

$$V^i(\mathcal{F}) = \{\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(Y) \mid h^i(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) > 0\}.$$

- (2) We say  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $IT^0$  if  $H^i(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$  and all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(Y)$ .  
(3)  $\mathcal{F}$  is called  $M$ -regular if  $\text{codim } V^i(\mathcal{F}) > i$  for every  $i > 0$  and  $Y$  is an abelian variety.  
(4) We say  $\mathcal{F}$  is continuously globally generated at  $y \in Y$  (in brief CGG at  $y$ ) if the natural map

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha \in U} H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \otimes \alpha^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y)$$

is surjective for any non-empty open subset  $U \subset \text{Pic}^0(Y)$ .

- (5)  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to have no essential base point at  $y \in Y$  if for any surjective map  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_y$ , there is a non-empty open subset  $U \subset \text{Pic}^0(Y)$  such that for all  $\alpha \in U$ , the induced map  $H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{O}_y \otimes \alpha)$  is surjective.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  be a double covering branched along a reduced even divisor  $B \in |2L|$ , where  $X$  is a projective variety,  $Y$  is a smooth projective variety and  $L$  is a divisor on  $Y$ . Let  $D$  be a divisor on  $Y$ . Then  $|\pi^*D|$  induces a birational map if and only if  $|\pi^*D|$  separates two general points on two distinct general fibers of  $\pi$  and  $H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D - L)) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $\pi_*\pi^*\mathcal{O}_Y(D) = \mathcal{O}_Y(D) \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y(D - L)$ . Hence we have

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(\pi^*D)) = H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D)) \oplus H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D - L)).$$

The only-if-direction follows from the above equality immediately.

To prove the if-direction, we take an open affine subset  $U \subset Y$ . Suppose that  $U = \text{Spec } R$  for some ring  $R$ . We know that  $\pi^{-1}(U) = \text{Spec } R[z]/(z^2 - f)$ , where  $f \in R$  is the local defining equation of  $B$ . From the isomorphism of  $R$ -modules

$$R[z]/(z^2 - f) \cong R \oplus Rz,$$

it follows that we can choose  $s_1, \dots, s_k, t_1, \dots, t_n \in R$  such that  $1, s_1, \dots, s_k$  is a basis of  $H^0(D)$  and  $t_1z, \dots, t_nz$  is a basis of  $H^0(D - L)$ . Let  $y \in Y$  be a general point. Since  $H^0(D - L) \neq 0$ , we can assume that  $f(y) \neq 0$  and  $t_1(y) \neq 0$ .

Let  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  be the preimage of  $y$ , where  $x_1 = (y, \sqrt{f(y)})$  and  $x_2 = (y, -\sqrt{f(y)})$ . Since  $|\pi^*D|$  separates two general points on two distinct general fibers of  $\pi$ , we can find a section  $s_0 + t_0z \in H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(\pi^*D))$  vanishes along  $y$ , where  $s_0 \in H^0(D)$  and  $t_0z \in H^0(D - L)$ . Hence section

$$s_0 + (t_0(y) - t_1(y))\sqrt{f(y)} + t_1z \in H^0(\pi^*D)$$

vanishes along  $x_1$  but does not vanish along  $x_2$ . It follows that  $|\pi^*D|$  separates two points on a general fiber of  $\pi$ . Therefore  $|\pi^*D|$  induces a birational map.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective irregular variety. Let  $F$  be the general fiber of its the Albanese map. If  $p_g(F) > 0$  and  $\dim V^0(\omega_X) = 0$ , then the Albanese map of  $X$  is surjective with connected fibers.*

*Proof.* The proof is the same as the first step in the proof of [8, Proposition 3,2]. We omit the details and leave it to the reader.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow W$  be a morphism between smooth projective varieties with a general fiber  $F$ . Suppose that  $\kappa(W) \geq 0$  and  $K_X$  is  $W$ -big, i.e.,  $sK_X \geq f^*L$  for some ample divisor  $L$  and some integer  $s \gg 0$ . Suppose further that  $h^0(mK_F) > 0$  for some  $m \geq 2$ . Then after replacing  $X$  by an appropriate birational model, there exist positive integers  $b, c$  and there is a normal crossing divisor*

$$B \in |bc(m-1)K_X - f^*bM|$$

*such that  $\lfloor \frac{B}{bc} \rfloor|_F \leq \mathcal{B}_{m,F}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{B}{bc} \rfloor \leq \mathcal{B}_{m,\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(W)$ . Here  $\mathcal{B}_{m,F}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{B}_{m,\alpha}$ ) is the fixed part of  $|mK_F|$  (resp.  $|mK_X + f^*\alpha|$ ),  $M$  is a given nef and big divisor on  $W$  and  $b, c$  are sufficiently large integers depending on  $M$  and  $K_X$ .*

*Proof.* See [4, Lemma 4.1].  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** *If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a coherent sheaf on a smooth projective variety  $Y$  and  $y$  is a point on  $Y$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is CGG at  $y$  if and only if  $\mathcal{F}$  has no essential base point at  $y$ .*

*Proof.* Firstly, we assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is CGG at  $y$ . For any surjective map  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_y$ , the induced map  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_y$  is also surjective. The definition of CGG implies that the composition

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha \in U} H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \otimes \alpha^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_y$$

is surjective for any non-empty open subset  $U \subset \text{Pic}^0(Y)$ . It follows that for any non-empty open subset  $U \subset \text{Pic}^0(Y)$ , there is an  $\alpha \in U$  such that the induced map  $H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{O}_y \otimes \alpha)$  is surjective. By semi-continuity, one sees that for a general  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(Y)$ , the induced map  $H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{O}_y \otimes \alpha)$  is surjective. Thus  $\mathcal{F}$  has no essential base point at  $y$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  has no essential base point at  $y$ . One can write  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k V_i$ , where  $V_i \cong \mathbb{C}(y)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let  $p_i : \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y) \rightarrow V_i$  be the canonical projection and  $\varphi_i : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y) \rightarrow V_i$  be the composition. Since  $\mathcal{F}$  has no essential base point at  $y$ , we know that there exists non-empty open subsets  $U_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) of  $\text{Pic}^0(Y)$  such that for any  $\alpha \in U_i$  the induced map  $\tilde{\varphi}_i : H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \rightarrow V_i \otimes \alpha$  is surjective. For any non-empty open subset  $U_0 \subset \text{Pic}^0(Y)$ , since  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k U_i$  is also a non-empty open subset, the map

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha \in U_0} H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes \alpha) \otimes \alpha^\vee \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^k V_i = \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}(y)$$

is surjective. It follows that  $\mathcal{F}$  is CGG at  $y$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a non-zero  $M$ -regular sheaf on a complex abelian variety  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  has no essential base point at any  $y \in A$ .*

*Proof.* The conclusion follows from [10, Proposition 2.13] and Lemma 2.5.  $\square$

## 3. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREMS

From now on, we let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective variety of Albanese fiber dimension two and of general type. Denote  $a : X \rightarrow Z = a(X) \subset A$  the Albanese map of  $X$ , where  $A$  is the Albanese variety of  $X$ . Let  $\nu : W \rightarrow Z$  be a desingularization of the Stein factorization over  $Z$ . Replacing  $X$  by an appropriate birational model, we may assume that there is a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow W$  whose general fiber is a connected smooth surface  $S$ . Then we obtain a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & W \\ & \searrow a & \downarrow \nu \\ & & Z. \end{array}$$

We will prove this more general statement than Theorem 1.1:

**Theorem 3.1.**  $|6K_X + \alpha|$  induces a birational map for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ .

*Proof.* By [5, Corollary 2.4], we know that  $\varphi_{|6K_X + \alpha|}$  is birational for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$  if  $\varphi_{|4K_S|}$  is birational. Hence we can assume that  $S$  satisfies  $K_{S_0}^2 = 1$  and  $p_g(S) = 2$ , where  $S_0$  is the minimal model of  $S$ . It is well known that  $|4K_S|$  is base point free, and  $\varphi_{|4K_S|}$  is a generically double covering onto its image (cf. [1]). Thus the natural morphism  $f^* f_* \omega_X^{\otimes 4} \rightarrow \omega_X^{\otimes 4}$  define a rational map  $X \dashrightarrow Y \subset \mathbb{P}(f_* \omega_X^{\otimes 4})$  over  $W$ , where  $Y$  is the closure of the image.

Let  $Y' \rightarrow Y$  be a resolution of singularities of  $Y$ , and let  $g : X' \rightarrow Y'$  be a resolution of indeterminacies of the corresponding rational map  $X \dashrightarrow Y'$ . We know that  $g$  is a generically double covering branched along a reduced even divisor  $B_1$ . Let  $\mu : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y'$  be a log resolution of  $B_1$ , such that  $B := \mu^* B_1 - 2\lfloor \frac{\mu^* B_1}{2} \rfloor$  is smooth (see [11, Lemma 1.3.1]). Then  $B$  is still an even divisor. We assume that  $B \in |2L|$  for some divisor  $L$  on  $\tilde{Y}$ . Let  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  be the double covering branched along  $B$ . One sees that  $\tilde{X}$  is smooth. Thus we obtain  $K_{\tilde{X}} = \pi^*(K_{\tilde{Y}} + L)$ . Now we have the commutative diagram among smooth projective varieties

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \tilde{Y} \\ & \searrow \tilde{f} & \downarrow p \\ & & W. \end{array}$$

We only need to show that  $\varphi_{|6K_{\tilde{X}} + \alpha|}$  is birational for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(\tilde{X})$ .

Let  $H$  (resp.  $F$ ) be the fiber of  $\tilde{f}$  (resp.  $p$ ) over a general point  $w \in W$ . From the construction, we know that  $\pi|_H : H \rightarrow F$  is a double covering between smooth surfaces branched along a smooth divisor  $B|_F \in |\mathcal{O}_F(2L)|$ . Hence we have  $K_H = (\pi|_H)^*(K_F + L|_F)$ .

By Lemma 2.4, for some  $m \geq 2$  and an appropriate birational map  $\sigma : \hat{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  there exist positive integers  $b, c$  and there is a normal crossing divisor

$$B_m \in |bc(m-1)K_{\hat{X}} - g^*bM|$$

such that  $\lfloor \frac{B_m}{bc} \rfloor|_{H'} \leq \mathcal{B}_{m,H'}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{B_m}{bc} \rfloor \leq \mathcal{B}_{m,\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(\hat{X})$ . Here  $M$  is a given nef and big divisor on  $W$ ,  $g$  is the composite map  $\tilde{f} \circ \sigma$ ,  $H'$  is the general fiber of

$g$  and  $b, c$  are sufficiently large integers depending on  $M$  and  $K_{\widehat{X}}$ . Thus we obtain

$$(m-1)K_{\widehat{X}} - \lfloor \frac{B_m}{bc} \rfloor \equiv \frac{1}{c}g^*M + \{\frac{B_m}{bc}\}.$$

By [9, Theorem 10.15], we know that

$$H^i(A, \nu_*g_*\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(mK_{\widehat{X}} - \lfloor \frac{B_m}{bc} \rfloor + \alpha)) = H^i(W, g_*\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(mK_{\widehat{X}} - \lfloor \frac{B_m}{bc} \rfloor + \alpha)) = 0$$

for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(\widehat{X})$  and all  $i > 0$ . It follows from  $\sigma_*\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(mK_{\widehat{X}/\widetilde{X}}) = \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{X}}$  that

$$\mathcal{J}_m := \sigma_*\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(mK_{\widehat{X}/\widetilde{X}} - \lfloor \frac{B_m}{bc} \rfloor)$$

is an ideal sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{X}}$ . One sees that  $\mathcal{J}_m \supset \mathcal{I}_{m,\alpha}$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_m|_H \supset \mathcal{I}_{m,H}$  and

$$H^i(A, \nu_*\widetilde{f}_*(\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(mK_{\widehat{X}} + \alpha) \otimes \mathcal{J}_m)) = 0$$

for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(\widetilde{X})$  and all  $i > 0$ , where  $\mathcal{I}_{m,\alpha}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{I}_{m,H}$ ) is the base ideal of  $|mK_{\widehat{X}} + \alpha|$  (resp.  $|mK_H|$ ). In particular,  $\nu_*\widetilde{f}_*(\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(mK_{\widehat{X}}) \otimes \mathcal{J}_m)$  is  $IT^0$ .

Since

$$\pi_*\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(6K_{\widehat{X}}) = \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 6L) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L),$$

we conclude that there exists ideal sheaves  $\mathcal{J}_6^1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_6^2$  on  $\widetilde{Y}$  such that

$$\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}}(6K_{\widehat{X}}) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6) = (\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 6L) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^1) \oplus (\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2).$$

Hence  $\nu_*p_*(\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2)$  is  $IT^0$ .

On the other hand, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} H^0(H, \mathcal{O}_H(6K_H)) &= H^0(H, \mathcal{O}_H(6K_H) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6|_H) \\ &= H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 6L|_F) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^1|_F) \\ &\quad \oplus H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 5L|_F) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2|_F). \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 6L|_F)) = H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 6L|_F) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^1|_F)$$

and

$$H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 5L|_F)) = H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 5L|_F) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2|_F).$$

Since  $|6K_H|$  is birational for a surface  $H$ , we obtain  $H^0(6K_F + 5L|_F) \neq 0$  by Lemma 2.2. Thus we have

$$H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_F + 5L|_F) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2|_F) = H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2|_F) \neq 0.$$

This implies

$$\nu_*p_*(\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2)$$

is nonzero. Therefore we conclude that

$$\nu_*p_*(\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L) \otimes \mathcal{J}_6^2)$$

is a nonzero  $IT^0$  sheaf on  $A$ .

Hence for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(A)$ ,  $H^0(\widetilde{Y}, \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{Y}}(6K_{\widetilde{Y}} + 5L + \alpha)) \neq 0$ . By [5, Corollary 2.4], one sees that  $\varphi_{|6K_{\widehat{X}} + \alpha|}$  separates two general points on two distinct general fibers of  $\pi$ . Therefore  $\varphi_{|6K_{\widehat{X}} + \alpha|}$  is birational by Lemma 2.2.  $\square$

Now we prove the following theorem which is slightly more general than Theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 3.2.**  *$|5K_X + \alpha|$  is birational for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ , if  $\dim V^0(\omega_X) > 0$ .*

*Proof.* We take  $B \in |bc(m-1)K_X - f^*bM|$  as in Lemma 2.4 and

$$L_m := (m-1)K_X - \lfloor \frac{B}{bc} \rfloor \equiv \frac{1}{c}f^*M + \{\frac{B}{bc}\},$$

$m \geq 2$ . One sees that

$$H^0((K_X + L_m)|_S) \cong H^0(mK_S) \text{ and } H^0(K_X + L_m + \alpha) \cong H^0(mK_X + \alpha),$$

for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ . By [9, Theorem 10.15], we have

$$H^i(A, a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m) \otimes \alpha) = 0,$$

for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(A)$  and all  $i > 0$ . In particular,  $a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m)$  is  $IT^0$ .

**Step 1.** *Let  $x \in X$  be a general point. Then  $K_X + L_m$  has no essential base point at  $x$ .*

Let  $F = X_{a(x)}$ . By  $x$  being general, we mean that

$$a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m) \otimes \mathbb{C}(a(x)) \cong H^0((K_X + L_m)|_F) \cong H^0(mK_F),$$

$F$  is smooth and  $x$  is not a base point of  $|(K_X + L_m)|_F|$ . Hence pushing forward the standard exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_x(K_X + L_m) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_x \rightarrow 0$$

to  $A$ , we obtain

$$0 \rightarrow a_*(\mathcal{I}_x(K_X + L_m)) \rightarrow a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{a(x)} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m)$  is  $IT^0$ , by Lemma 2.6,  $a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_m)$  has no essential base point at  $a(x)$ . It follows that  $K_X + L_m$  has no essential base point at  $x$ .

**Step 2.** *Let  $y \in X$  be a general point. Then  $a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))$  has no essential base point at any point of  $Z$ .*

Because of Lemma 2.6, we want to show that  $a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))$  is  $M$ -regular. As in Step 1, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3)) \rightarrow a_*\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_3) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{a(y)} \rightarrow 0.$$

Considering the long exact sequence obtained from the above short exact sequence, we conclude that  $H^i(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3)) \otimes \alpha) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(A)$  and  $i \geq 2$ .

We now assume that  $a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))$  is not  $M$ -regular. Then by definition of  $M$ -regular, we know that

$$\text{codim } V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))) \leq 1.$$

Hence  $y$  is a base point of  $|K_X + L_3 + \alpha|$  for any  $\alpha \in V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3)))$ . By  $y$  being general, we know that  $y$  is also a base point of  $|3K_X + \alpha|$  for any  $\alpha \in V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3)))$ .

Let  $C_1$  be a component of  $V^0(\omega_X)$  with positive dimension, by [6, Theorem 0.1], we can write  $C_1 = \alpha_1 + T_1$ , where  $T_1$  is a subtorus of  $\hat{A} := \text{Pic}^0(X)$  and  $\alpha_1$  is a point of  $\hat{A}$ . Since  $y \in X$  is a general point, let  $U_1 \subset T_1$  be a non-empty open subset such that  $y$  is not a base point of  $|K_X + \beta|$ , for any  $\beta \in \alpha_1 + U_1$ .

By considering the map

$$H^0(K_X + \alpha) \otimes H^0(2K_X + \beta) \rightarrow H^0(3K_X + \alpha + \beta),$$

we conclude that  $y$  is a base point of  $|2K_X - \alpha_1 + \beta|$  for any  $\beta \in V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))) - U_1$ . By  $y$  being general, we know that  $y$  is also a base point of  $|K_X + L_2 - \alpha_1 + \beta|$  for any  $\beta \in V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))) - U_1$ .

Let  $D$  be a component of  $V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3)))$  such that  $D$  is an effective irreducible divisor on  $\hat{A}$ . Take a point  $\gamma \in D$  and a point  $\beta_1 \in T_1$ . We can assume that  $y$  is not a base point of  $|3K_X + \beta_1 + \gamma|$ . Thus

$$\beta_1 \notin V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))) - \gamma.$$

This implies that  $\beta_1 \notin D - \gamma$ . We conclude that  $T_1 \not\subseteq (D - \gamma)$  and  $0 \in T_1 \cap (D - \gamma)$ . Let  $p : \hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{A}/T_1$  be the quotient map. Since

$$\dim p(D - \gamma) = \dim(D - \gamma) - \dim T_1 \cap (D - \gamma) = \dim(\hat{A}/T_1),$$

we know that  $p(D - \gamma) = \hat{A}/T_1$ . This implies that  $D - \gamma - T_1 = \hat{A}$ , i.e.,  $D - T_1 = \hat{A}$ . Thus  $V^1(a_*(\mathcal{I}_y(K_X + L_3))) - U_1$  contains a non-empty open subset of  $\text{Pic}^0(X)$ . This contradicts that  $K_X + L_3$  has no essential base point at  $y$ .

**Step 3.** *If  $|3K_S|$  is birational, then  $|5K_X + \alpha|$  induces a birational map for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ .*

We need the following:

**Claim 3.3.** *Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  be general points. Then  $|K_X + L_3 + \alpha|$  separates  $x_1, x_2$  for general  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ .*

We follow the idea in the proof of [5, Corollary 2.4]. If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are on a general  $F$  of  $a$ . Since  $H^0((K_X + L_3)|_F) \cong H^0(3K_F)$ , we know that  $|(K_X + L_3)|_F|$  separates  $x_1, x_2$ . This implies  $a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1, x_2}(K_X + L_3)) \neq a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3))$ . Hence we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1, x_2}(K_X + L_3)) \rightarrow a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{a(x_2)} \rightarrow 0.$$

If  $a(x_1) \neq a(x_2)$ , we obtain  $a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3)) \otimes \mathbb{C}(a(x_2)) \cong a_*(K_X + L_3) \otimes \mathbb{C}(a(x_2))$ . Thus we still obtain

$$0 \rightarrow a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1, x_2}(K_X + L_3)) \rightarrow a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{a(x_2)} \rightarrow 0.$$

By Step 2,  $a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3))$  has no essential base point at  $a(x_2)$ . Thus for general  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$

$$h^0(a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1, x_2}(K_X + L_3)) \otimes \alpha) = h^0(a_*(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3)) \otimes \alpha) - 1.$$

Therefore for general  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$

$$h^0(\mathcal{I}_{x_1, x_2}(K_X + L_3) \otimes \alpha) = h^0(\mathcal{I}_{x_1}(K_X + L_3) \otimes \alpha) - 1 = h^0(\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + L_3) \otimes \alpha) - 2$$

and the Claim follows.

For a fixed  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ , we choose general  $\beta \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$  and consider the map

$$H^0(2K_X + \alpha - \beta) \otimes H^0(3K_X + \beta) \rightarrow H^0(5K_X + \alpha).$$

We conclude that  $|5K_X + \alpha|$  induces a birational map for any fixed  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ .

**Step 4.** *If  $|3K_S|$  is not birational, then  $|5K_X + \alpha|$  induces a birational map for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(X)$ .*

Since  $|3K_S|$  is not birational, it is well known that  $S$  satisfies  $(K_{S_0}^2, p_g) = (1, 2)$  or  $(2, 3)$ , here  $S_0$  is the minimal model of  $S$ . Thus  $\varphi_{|3K_S|}$  is a generically double covering onto its image (cf. [1]). The natural morphism  $f^*f_*\omega_X^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow \omega_X^{\otimes 3}$  define a rational map  $g : X \dashrightarrow Y \subset \mathbb{P}(f_*\omega_X^{\otimes 3})$  over  $W$ , where  $Y$  is the closure of the image.

As the construction in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have the commutative diagram among smooth projective varieties

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \tilde{Y} \\ & \searrow \tilde{f} & \downarrow p \\ & & W, \end{array}$$

here the double cover  $\pi$  is a birational modification of  $g$ . The arguments in Step 3 show that  $\varphi_{|5K_{\tilde{X}}+\alpha|}$  separates two general points on two distinct general fibers of  $\pi$  for any  $\alpha \in \text{Pic}^0(\tilde{X})$ . By the same method in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can obtain Step 4. We leave the details to the interested reader.  $\square$

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